Improvement in air traffic services

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the places where improvement in air traffic services is presently in progress;

(b) by when these services will be completed;

(c) in what manner these airports, will be different from those without such air services;

(d) what is its cost benefit analysis; and

(e) what is being done to improve the air traffic services in general?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Modernisation of air traffic services project is presently in progress at Delhi and Bombay airports. Besides, communication, navigation and surveillance facilities are being upgraded at 42 other airports in the country.

(b) The schedule of completion of these services at Delhi is 31-10-95 and at Bombay 30-4-96. At other airports, the completion period ranges from May, 1995 to June, 1996.

(c) The installation of these equipments facilitate effective surveillance and control of the aircraft movement. This helps in safe and orderly flow of air traffic.

(d) Effective radar control facilities helps in reducing the flying time considerably and will benefit by way of reduced fuel consumption.

(e) Airports Authority of India has plans to enhance the radar and Very High Frequency communication coverage in the entire Indian air space for positive surveillance of air traffic.

Flying clubs in the country

6859. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of flying clubs in the country;

(b) how many of these are actually functioning;

(c) how many are private flying clubs and what are their names and locations;

(d) how many of them are State or Central Government's flying clubs;

(e) how many flying clubs have purchased SWATI Aircraft designed by DGCA; and

(f) what steps are being taken to encourage flying club activities?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) There are 36 flying/gliding clubs|institutes in the country out of which 28 are functioning.

(c) There are four private flying clubs viz. Udan Research & Flying Institute at Indore, Bangalore Aeronautics and Technical Services at Bangalore, Ahmedabad Aviation Akademi at Ahmedabad and Orient Flight School at Pondicherry.

(d) There are 11 State Government flying clubs while Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Urban Akademi is functioning under the Department of Civil Aviation.

(e) The Director General of Civil Aviation has purchased four Swati aircraft and allocated them to Amritsar Aviation Club at Amritsar, Bihar Flying Institute at Patna, Bombay Flying Club at Bombay and Kerala Aviation Training Centre at Trivandrum.

(f) Following steps have been taken to encourage flying club activities: